

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Dental Assistants (31-9091)**

Associated Occupation: **Prosthodontists (29-1024)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 82

Focus Occupation: Dental Assistants (31-9091)

Associated Occupation: Prosthodontists (29-1024)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	22.3	15.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	13.5	7.7	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Biology	3.7	12.4	3.5	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Chemistry	4.8	11.5	4.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Sales and Marketing	5.2	10.7	5.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Personnel and Human Resources	5.6	9.8	3.1	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 78

Focus Occupation: Dental Assistants (31-9091)

Associated Occupation: Prosthodontists (29-1024)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	12.2	8.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	10.5	9.3	<	A higher skill level may be required
Management of Personnel Resources	6.9	10.0	5.2	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	9.3	2.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 92			
Focus Occupation: Dental Assistants (31-9091) Associated Occupation: Prosthodontists (29-1024)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Near Vision	11.1	14.1	10.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Expression	12.4	13.3	11.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	13.2	12.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	12.9	9.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Recognition	9.9	12.3	10.7	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Manual Dexterity	6.5	11.6	8.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	11.2	9.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	11.1	9.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Arm-Hand Steadiness	6.8	10.6	10.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80
Focus Occupation: Dental Assistants (31-9091) Associated Occupation: Prosthodontists (29-1024)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Follow dental or medical x-ray procedures	81	
Follow patient care procedures	60	
Operate dental equipment	89	
Use dental treatment procedures	87	
Use knowledge of medical terminology	40	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 87

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Associated Occupation: Prosthodontists (29-1024)

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Cosmetic dentistry equipment and supplies	56
Dental and subspecialty instruments and devices	37
Dental fillers and finishing and polishing supplies	47
Dental hygiene and preventive care equipment and supplies	70
Dental imaging equipment and supplies	47
Dental impression and forming equipment and supplies	56
Dental laboratory and sterilization equipment and supplies	62
Industry specific software	1
Orthodontic and prosthodontic equipment and supplies	62
Surgical equipment and accessories and related products	23

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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